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CORRECTION: NO CLOSURE AT TOURMALINE SURF PARK INVESTIGATION FINDS SEWAGE SPILL DID NOT REACH OCEAN WATERS

Yesterday, March 7th, the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health issued a water contact closure from 1000 feet south of the Tourmaline storm drain outlet to P.B. Point, based upon the report of an estimated 3,000 gallon sewage spill to the Tourmaline storm drain on Monday evening, March 6th. Further investigation determined that none of the sewage from this spill entered ocean waters. All of the sewage was returned to the sewer system by a low flow diversion structure in the storm drain channel. Records indicate the storm drain diversion pump station operated without interruption during the evening of March 6th and AM hours of March 7th, capturing all the sewage that spilled into the storm drain earlier that day. Water contact closure signs were removed from Tourmaline Surf Park, at Law Street north to P.B. Point, this morning.

For more information on the sewage spill, please call the City of San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department at 858-292-6403.

For updates on beach closure information please call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073.

OR www.cleanup.org enter your zip code and select Beach Water Quality

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